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Fire Department

# Big Windy Complex

## Fire Information Update

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### Saturday, August 3, 2013 – 9:00 p.m. PDT Fire Status Update

Fire	Acres	% Contained	Total Personnel
Big Windy Complex	6,151	0%	1,074
Jenny	1,728		
Calvert Peak	130		
Big Windy	4,289		

#### Highlights for the Big Windy Complex:

- The fires were less active than expected today, with moderate activity throughout the fire area.
- Firefighters are making excellent progress with containment efforts and will begin burnout operations tomorrow evening.
- Eight 20-person hand crews, four hotshot crews and 20 engines will be arriving soon to assist with containment and burnout operations. Many of the arriving resources are being reassigned from the Brimstone Fire.
- A secondary contingency line that was used for the Blossom Fire (2005) will be utilized for the north side contingency line on the Big Windy Complex.

#### Big Windy Complex Operations Summary:

**Ground Operations:** Firefighters are making excellent progress with containment lines around the Big Windy Complex. As progress is made, heavy equipment is being moved from the Big Windy Fire up to the Jenny Fire. Visibility was better for air operations today; air attack flew an early reconnaissance flight over the fire area. A Type 1 (heavy) helicopter was loaned to the Labrador Fire today.

## **FIRE FACTS:**

### **Closures in Place:**

- The Bear Camp Road is officially closed with closure orders and maps issued by the Medford District of the Bureau of Land Management/Grants Pass Interagency Office and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest/Gold Beach Ranger District. See websites above for additional information. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office and the Curry County Sheriff's Office are providing staffing at the closure points and signs are in place.
- Rogue River Trail from Grave Creek to Rogue River Ranch.
- The BLM portion of the Wild Section of the Rogue River is closed from Grave Creek to Mule Creek due to extreme fire conditions and public health and safety issues.

**Big Windy Complex:** Consists of the Big Windy (Josephine County), Calvert Peak and Jenny Fires (Curry County). Located on Medford District Bureau of Land Management lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry **Started:** July 26, 2013 at 3:00 a.m. **Cause:** Lightning **Location:** Approximately 8 miles NW of Galice.

**VALUES AT RISK:** Boaters and campers on the Rogue River, Wild and Scenic River below Grave Creek, economic considerations associated with recreation, Black Bar Lodge (18 structures), Zane Grey Historical Cabin, Marial Lodge, Rogue River Ranch, cultural resources, threatened & endangered species habitat, late successional reserves, fisheries and wildlife.

**WEATHER:** Sunday morning looks to have an inversion in the area up to 5200 ft until approximately 2:00 p.m. Tomorrow, temperatures will be hot with a slight chance of thunderstorms.

**FIRE BEHAVIOR:** Today's behavior showed surface fire with intermittent group tree torching and short range spotting. Despite the changed weather conditions, the fire was not as active as yesterday.

**RESOURCES ASSIGNED:** 5 Type 1 hotshot crews, 17 Type 2 hand crews, 1 heavy helicopter, 2 light helicopters, 12 engines, 9 dozers and 10 water tenders, 2 cam3 crews and 123 National Guard members.

**SAFETY CONCERNS:** Steep and unforgiving terrain, mixing of fire and public traffic (particularly on one-lane roads), variable and unpredictable winds in the river corridor, ticks, bee stings, hazard trees, poison oak, poor air quality, aviation operations, extreme fire behavior, railroad crossings, black bears and cougars.

**COOPERATING AGENCIES & PARTNERS:** Oregon Department of Forestry, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, Josephine County, Curry County, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Jackson County, Rural Metro Fire Department.

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